IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 12 and 14 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) An image display device for storing an image and displaying the image based on a user's display operation, comprising:

a non-volatile storage unit storing data which can be rewritten and maintaining stored data even if a main power supply is switched off;

an image storage unit storing an image;

an image display unit displaying the image stored in the image storage unit;

an operation detection unit detecting a user's display operation to modify a display state of the image displayed on the image display unit; and

a display information writing unit writing display information for indicating a display state of a currently displayed image in the non-volatile storage unit based on a detection result of the operation detection unit.

2. (currently amended) The image display device according to claim 1,

further comprising[[:]] a display information reading unit reading the display information from said non-volatile storage unit when power is switched on,[[;]] and ~~an~~

wherein the image display unit ~~displaying an~~ displays the image based on display information read by the display information reading unit.

3. (original) The image display device according to claim 2, wherein if the display information read from said non-volatile storage unit is not a prescribed value, said display information reading unit modifies the display information to a prescribed rating value.

4. (original) The image display device according to claim 2, wherein said display information writing unit stores currently displayed display image data in said non-volatile storage unit, said display reading unit reads the display image data as well as the display information if

the display image data are stored in said non-volatile storage unit and said image display unit displays an original image using the read display image data.

5. (original) The image display device according to claim 1, wherein if said operation detection unit does not detect another user's display operation during a specific time period after detecting a user's display operation, said display information writing unit writes the display information in said non-volatile storage unit.

6. (original) The image display device according to claim 1, wherein if display information to be written in said non-volatile storage unit is the same as a value stored in said non-volatile storage unit, said display information writing unit does not write the display information.

7. (original) The image display device according to claim 1, wherein said display information writing unit independently stores the display information for each stored image.

8. (original) The image display device according to claim 7, wherein when a display image is switched, said display information reading unit reads the display information corresponding to the display image.

9. (original) The image display device according to claim 1, wherein the display information includes at least one of information for specifying an original image, information about magnification of a display image and information for indicating a position in the original image of a display image.

10. (original) The image display device according to claim 1, wherein if a user switches a main power supply off, said display information writing unit writes the display information in said non-volatile storage unit.

11. (original) An image display device for storing an image and displaying the image based on a user's display operation, comprising:

a non-volatile storage unit storing data which can be rewritten and maintaining stored data even if a main power supply is switched off; and

a display information writing unit writing display information for indicating a display state of a currently displayed image in said non-volatile storage unit if a main power supply is switched off.

12. (currently amended) An image display device for storing an image and displaying the image based on a user's display operation, comprising:

non-volatile storage means for storing data which can be rewritten and maintaining stored data even if a main power supply is switched off;

image storage means for storing an image;

image display means for displaying the image stored in the image storage means;

operation detection means for detecting a user's display operation to modify a display state of the image displayed on the image display means; and

display information writing means for writing display information for indicating a display state of a currently displayed image in the non-volatile storage means based on a detection result of the operation detection means.

13. (original) An image display device for storing an image and displaying the image based on a user's display operation, comprising:

non-volatile storage means for storing data which can be rewritten and maintaining stored data even if a main power supply is switched off; and

display information writing means for writing display information for indicating a display state of a currently displayed image in said non-volatile storage unit if a main power supply is switched off.

14. (currently amended) A method for writing a display state of an image in an image display device for storing an image and displaying the image based on a user's display operation in a non-volatile storage unit for maintaining stored data even if power is switched off, comprising:

displaying a stored image;

detecting a user's display operation to modify a display state of the stored image; and

writing display information for indicating a display state of a currently displayed image based on a result of the detecting.